RAJYA SABHA

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The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Establishment of arms factory in Koderma/Giridih in Bihar

*361. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an arms factory in Koderma, District Hazaribagh or in Giridih in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project indicating its estimated cost, completion time and the employment potential; and

(c) whether there is any provision of funds for this project in this financial year or in the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न के बारे में यह था कि बिहार में कोडरमा में आयुद्ध कारखाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है या नहीं, तो मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। मैं मंत्री महोदय को एक पत्र जोकि उन्होंने भूतपूर्व सांसद को लिखा है उसकी कुछ पंक्तियां आपके सामने उपलब्ध करना चाहता हूं, वह 2 मार्च, का पत्र है, जिसमें उन्होंने कहा हैं।

> "Regarding setting up of an ordnance factory in Markacho Block, Bihar, you are aware the country is facing a resource crunch. We have, therefore, to be doubly careful in deciding about the projects relating to defefice production."

और अन्त में उन्होंने लिखा हैं :

> "The decision regarding the setting up of the proposed propellant factory will. take some more time."

इसका अर्थ हैं कि उन्होंने स्वीकार किया हैं कि विचाराधीन है और यह निश्चय नहीं हुआ है, यह उनका कहना है, परन्तु यह विचाराधीन है यह उनके पत्र में ही लिखा हुआ है। पहला तो मेरा प्रश्न है कि इसमें कहां कंफ्यूजन है इसका स्पष्टीकरण करें ? दूसरा मैं निवेदन करना चाहूंगा और मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि अगर यह विचाराधीन हो नहीं है तो क्या जयरमन की अध्यक्षता में एक साइट सलेक्शन कमेटी 1986 में बनी जिसने इस साइट को सब से उपयुक्त माना और इस साइट के ऊपर 7,558,.33 एकड़ जमीन उपलब्ध है जिसमें से ढाई सौ एकड़ आदिवासियों की जमीन है जिन्होंने स्वेच्छा से कहा है कि हम यह जमीन इसके लिए देने के लिए तैयार हैं और अगर यह सारी प्रक्रिया हुई है... प्रस्ताव था, ऐसा मुझे जरूर आभास है। मैं स्पष्टीकरण चाहूंगा। वह कह सकते हैं कि प्रस्ताव पर आज निर्णय नहीं हुआ है या हमने रिजैक्ट कर दिया है। मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि विचाराधीन है या नहीं ! अगर नहीं है तो क्या उन्होंने इसे रिजैक्ट कर दिया है ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Sir, if the answer will satisfy the hon. Member, I would say that the Site Selection Committee visited some places and their recommendation is under consideration. I can immediately say that it is under consideration.

(Interruptions)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : You said that it is not there and the question does not arise. Sir, first he said that it is not under consideration and therefore the question does not arise.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Sir, if the hon. Member is interested in getting the detailed answer, I can give the answer in detail. There was a Site Selection Committee. Four States were shortlisted. For the information of the hon. Member, Shri Ashwani Kumarji, one is Bihar, the other is Andhra Pradesh, the third is Orissa and the fourth is Madhya Pradesh. So far as Bihar is concerned, the Government of Bihar recommended five sites. One is Jaridih in Giridih District, the other is Markacho in Hazaribagh District, third is Pratap Pur in Hazaribagh District, fourth is Uttogram in Hazaribagh District and the fifth is Ranka Circle in Palamau District. Then again, at the second stage, they said that they forgo all the other sites and that they only suggest Jaridih in Giridih District. Later on, they said that they want Markacho included. So,all these alternative proposals have come before the Committee and we are considering their recommendations. As the hon. member, Shri Ashwani Kumarji, has pointed out that there is resource cruch. Therefore, a committee was appointed to see whether, because of the heavy investment, we can utilise in an optimum way the infrastructure which is available in the country. That also is being gone into.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं आया है । मेरा निवेदन है कि इनका उत्तर होना चाहिए, हां विचाराधीन है । इसकी पुष्टि होनी चाहिए थी । यह मिसलीडिंग उत्तर है ...(*व्यवधान*)... यह हाउस को गुमराह करने की बात है महोदय, मैं आपसे सुरक्षा चाहूंगा । इस प्रकार का उत्तर नहीं दिया जाना चाहिए क्योंकि यह उत्तर अखबारों में भी छपता है । दूसरे मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि अभी मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि इसके साथ-साथ अन्य चार राज्यों में भी आयुद्ध निर्माण की योजना थी । उनकी क्या स्थिति है । उनमें से किस-किस की भूमि अधिग्रहीत हो गई है । ? कौनसी योजना स्वीकृत हो गयी, कौनसी अस्वीकृत होगयी और किस स्टेज पर है, उस बारे में भी क्या बताने का प्रयास करें ।

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Sir, in the beginning, in order to satisfy the hon. Member I said that the decision regarding the location of site has still not been finally taken by the Government.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : महोदय, चार राज्यों में जो व्यवस्था थी, उन में क्या स्थिति है , यह अभी कहीं डिसाइड नहीं हुआ है ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Therefore, it has not been finally decided.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : It does not square up with the first answer, the principal answer which is on record. It says: "No, Sir." Part (a) of the question has been categorically replied "No.". Parts (b) and (c) have been replied as : "The question does not arise". How does the "No" come first ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : No means that there is no proposal on Koderma and Giridih.

(*Interruptions*)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : सर, यह व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है । मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री महोदय से कहना चाहूंगा कि यह गलत जवाब दिया गया है । इस प्रश्न में सीधा सवाल पूछा गया है कि, क्या बिहार में जिला हजारीबाग में कोडरमा या गिरिडीह में एक आयुध कारखाना स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है या नहीं ? इन्होंने जवाब दिया है कि नहीं और फिर पढ कर सुनाते है तो कहते हैं कि विचाराधीन है । ऐसा क्यों है ? महोदय, हम आपके माध्यम से प्रोटेक्शन चाहते हैं । मेम्बर जो भी सवाल पूछते है उसका सही जवाब मंत्रालय से आना चाहिए ।

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : They don't take the questions seriously. That is our complaint.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : There is absolutely no contradiction. What happened is that various States were asked. Then, as my colleague has just told the House, four States offered a certain number of sites. The site Selection Committee visited those sites. Now certain proposals are under consideration. This is not one of them. That is why the answer was "No". Sir, a final decision has not been taken. Therefore, he has said like that. He has said all that in deference to the wishes of the hon. Member. I do not think there is any contradiction in it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have read the question both in Hindi and in English. It asks whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish an arms factory in Koderma. Now they say that Koderma is not under consideration. That means that they have already decided and Koderma is not being considered.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : He said that both are under consideration. But in his reply he said : "No".

श्री सभापति : कोडरमा और गिरिडीह दोनों में से कोई कंसीडरेशन में नहीं हैं.. (**व्यवधान**) .. मुझे समझ तो लेने दो पोजीशन ।

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Sir, I read that the Bihar Government had offered certain sites. May I read out again ? May I repeat what I said ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question here is very simple. The question is about these two sites—Koderma in Hazaribagh District and Giridih. Now, from the Minister's answer I understood that none of the two is under consideration. Is that true ?

(Interruptions)

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Let me repeat it, Sir. I read out that the Government of Bihar offered five sites. One is Jaridih in Giridih District, the other is Markacho in Hazaribagh District, third is Pratap Pur in Hazaribagh District, fourth is Uttogram in Hazaribagh District and the fifth is Ranka Circle in Palamau District. Therefore, there is nothing about Koderma.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Koderma is a part of Hazaribagh District.

(Interruptions)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : There is Koderma in Hazaribagh District. He says that the Bihar Government suggested another place in the District of Hazaribagh to establish an arms factory. Since Koderma has been written in the question, he has said "No". It is not correct. District Hazaribagh is also in the question.

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : आपको पता ही नहीं है । आपने "न" कैसे कर दिया ?

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : यह गलत बयानी हो गई है ।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : If you study the question, there is a comma between the words Koderma and Hazaribagh.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Is Giridih under consideration ?

SHRI K. C. PANT : Sir, I tried to explain earlier. It is a general question. We tried to locate whether there was any proposal in respect of any arms factory. The question is about the arms factory. This is a propellant factory. We located one

particular factory which was under consideration earlier. Later on, the Expert Committee was set up to consider whether at all there should be a green field site or whether we should make use of the existing capacities. So, the whole matter is under consideration. The Bihar Government has also withdrawn certain offers about certain sites. It is a complicated picture.

(*Interruptions*)

How is it in my interest to mislead the Houses ? I am giving you the information that I have. Therefore, although the question was very widely worded, about an arms factory, it is a propellant factory which my colleague is talking about. (*Interruptions*) Why don't you listen to me? He is talking about the propellant factory because that is the only factory which was under consideration in so far as these sites are concerned. We have taken the trouble to find out if there are any proposals for these two sites for any of the ordnance factories. So, we found this. We have given the information which my friend has given just now. But so far as the present consideration is concerned, these matters are not under consideration at the moment because all other factors have come in. Bihar has withdrawn certain sites and we have considered all the sites that are given here. Therefore, the House should be satisfied that we are not going to take any snap decision. We will take all factors into account. That is what I wanted to tell you.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Then it is under consideration.

SHRI K. C. PANT: It was not under consideration for the simple reason.... (*Interruptions*) ... there were two stages in this matter. At one stage, earlier the Bihar Government had offered some sites, they have withdrawn some sites. So, one of the sites went completely out of consideration..

MR. CHAIRMAN: What about Giridih?

SHRI K. C. PANT: Subsequently ..I will tell you which of the sites.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You give me answer only about Koderma and Giridih. (*Interruptions*)

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : इन्होंने यह क्यों कहा कि ...(व्यवधान) ...

SHRI K. C. PANT: Sir, I am giving you all the information I have. He has given you the names of the sites. From the Government of Bihar at one stage they had offered only one site, namely Jaridih in Giridih.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is under consideration,

SHRI K. C. PANT: No, Sir. However, that is not the end of the matter. Sir, thereafter, the Site Committee went and made certain recommendations. Then the Ministry of Environment and Forests came into this. An Integrated....(*Interruptions*) Why don't you listen ? This is a complicated matter. Therefore, I am saying this. An Integrated Technical Expert Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. Menon. And they have said that we have to take into account the available capacities of the private sector, public sector for the manufacture of weapon grade propellants and explosives. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, an Expert Group was constituted to assess the existing capacities of ordnance factories to manufacture the additional requirements of propellants and explosives. The recommendations of the Expert Group are being examined by the Committee under the Chairmanship of the Additional Secretary, DP & S. The final decision is still to be taken. Therefore, this is the full situation.. (*Interruptions*) My colleague, therefore, said that we will consider all sites recommended by the Committee

It is on this basis, we have said it... (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The only trouble is, your answer says, "No, Sir" which means, in ordinary English in ordinary Hindi, this is not under consideration. Now, I understand that this is under consideration, So, why not accept it ? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, why do they give such short replies?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, what action are you going to take against the Minister for misleading the House?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already told him.... (*Interruptions*) I don't have any other powers.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, the minimum that you can do is that he must be reprimanded before this House...

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:... for not understanding what the Joint Secretary has written.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, certain officials have prepared the reply. From what Mr. Pant has been giving the reply in detail, it appears that it is still under consideration. But the reply they have given in short is: "(a) No, Sir". What does it mean? The Minister of State should have studied the file as you have studied.

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा : आप इनको कुर्सी से डांटिए । ...(**व्यवधान**) ...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I object to his saying that they do not apply their mind. When they do not have one, how can they apply it ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Have you monopolised?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Sir, I hope it will be noted down that we have said that Jaridih in Giridih district was under consideration, and not Koderma and Giridih.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question was about both, and if Giridih is under consideration, your answer is incorrect. That is all.

श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : महोदय, अभी जो आनसर दिया गया था उस समय कांग्रेस के दोस्त बहुत खुश हो रहे थे कि क्या सवाल पूछा है ...(**व्यवधान**)

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह : माननीय मंत्री जी से मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि मध्य प्रदेश के अंदर आपने कौन से जिले के अंदर अगह कंसोडर की है ? कहां आप कंसिडर करने जा रहे हैं ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: In Madhya Pradesh, Sagar district was under consideration.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: On the 5th of May last year, I had asked a similar question. This specically related to the district of Hazaribagh. In reply the then Minister had pointed out that there is a proposal under consideration for setting up an ordnance factory at a suitable site in India..

श्री सभापति : वह तो अश्विनी कुमार जी ने पढा था ...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: वह दूसरा था, मैं इसी हाउस में दिए गए जवाब को पढ रहा हूं । That was the letter written. This is the reply given in this House in the last year's session, and then it goes on to say: "Offers of sites by various State Governments have been received. No decision however, has been taken in this regard " Now when supplementaries were put the then Minister was far less forthcoming than the present set of Ministers have been....

MR. CHAIRMAN: So you are happy.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: I am happy that some information at least has been shared and the House has been taken into confidence. Now I would like to know from this Government which works faster. My question was asked ten months ago, and the answer was that the proposal was under consideration and no decision has been taken. I would like to know...

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have already said that there are financial constraints.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: No, Sir. What are the constraints? They have to take investment decision. Have they taken it ? How long will it take for the Government? Another three years ? Four years? Five years? How long are they going to take a basic investment decision?

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Or, have they dropped the proposal?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Or, have they dropped the proposal? Is the ordnance factory still going to be set up by the Government or have they given up the proposal to set up an ordnance factory? Sir, second part of my question is, if the investment decision is likely to be taken in the near future, then what are the facilities which the Bihar Government had offered and which they have withdrawn, because we would like to know from the Bihar Government, the State from which we come, as to which are the facilities which they have withdrawn? If they have done so, then we would like—with whatever influence we have—to see that those facilities are restored. I would like to get answer to both these questions.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: But there is no State in Bihar. Where is the question of withdrawing it ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Even about the earlier question, let me again clarify the position. It is written 'Koderma in Hazaribagh district'. Jaridih is in Giridih district, Bihar. So, Koderma is not there.

With regard to this supplementary about reply ten months earlier, hon. Raksha Mantri has just now said, it is a very complicated matter. We are trying to....

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: What are the complications?

(*Iterruptions*).

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: The hon. Member said, 'the Government that works faster . . .' I think we are working faster; perhaps, they are not realising this thing.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Ten months?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : It is a complicated matter. We appointed an expert committee to visit all the States which offered sites. We shall try to help the States; we are trying our best to see that a decision is taken as quickly as possible. We are trying. I do not know how we are not working faster.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Which are the facilities that Bihar Government has withdrawn?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: I would like to point out for the information of the hon. Member—this has also been pointed out by the Raksha Mantri—that five sites were offered by the Government of Bihar. Subsequently, during the visit of the Site Selection Committee, the Bihar Go-

vernment informed the Committee that the State Government would offer only one site, namely, Jaridih in Giridih District. The other sites offered earlier were withdrawn by the Government of Bihar. Subsequently, however, the State Government offered one more site, namely, Markacho. This was visited by the Site Selection Committee on 23-1-87 and their report is under consideration. Whichever site is selected, the condition is there. As the hon. Member said, how many thousands of acres...

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Markacho is in Kodarma subdivision. therefore, Koderma also comes. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं उस लंबी कंटरोवर्सी में नहीं पड़ना चाहता जो कि उन्होंने स्वीकार कर लिया है कि उन्होंने जवाब गलत दिया है । मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि कोई भी आर्डनेंस फैक्टरी एक कारण से अस्वीकार की जाती है कि वह बार्डर के नजदीक है लेकिन बिहार तो बार्डर से बहुत दूर है । बिहार के बारे में फैसला करने के पहले आन्ध्र प्रदेश, उडीसा और तमिलनाडु के नाम भी थे । ऐसा जानने में आया कि तमिलनाडु में आर्डनेंस फैक्टरी पास कर दी है । फिर बिहार के साथ सौतेला व्यवहार क्यों किया जा रहा है? पार्ट-बी में मैं पूछना चाहता हूं कि बिहार सरकार ने प्राइम मिनिस्टर के ट्राइबल डवलपमेंट प्रोग्राम को मद्देनजर रखते हुए क्या यह विचार लिया है कि उस ट्राइबल एरिया में यह आर्डनेंस फैक्टरी न लगे ? अगर नहीं लिया है तो उसके बारे में मंत्रालय क्या करने जा रहा है ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Sir, there is no discrimination against Bihar. The Site Selection Committee which is an expert committee takes into consideration everything. There is no question of any discrimination. Again we are talking about Koderma and not Koderma sub-division.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : तमिलनाडु के बारे में कोई फैसला हो रहा है या नहीं ? क्योंकि दोनों का एक साथ विचार हो रहा था ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you decided about Tamil Nadu ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Everything is taken into consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, it has not been decided. How have you come to the conclusion that it has been decided ?

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : मैंने पूछा था कि तमिलनाडु के बारे में फैसला किया गया या नहीं ऐसा जानने में आया कि फैसला कर लिया गया है ।

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: We have not decided to establish any new factory in Tamil Nadu. The Site Selection Committee has not said anything. I do not know how the hon. Member got this impression.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अभी जो प्रश्न विचाराधीन है उसमें मंत्री महोदय एक गलती कर रहे हैं कि मरकच्चों जिस जगह का आपने नाम लिया है वह कोडरमा सब-डिविजन में है । यह ज्योग्राफिकल आइडिया शायद डिफेंस मिनिस्टरी के पास नहीं होगा लेकिन मैं कह रहा हूं वह भारत में ही है । मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं मुझे इस बात की प्रसन्नता है कि उत्तर जो उन्होंने दिया था वह सही करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूं । यह कारेक्ट कर दिया है इसके पक्ष में हूं क्योंकि हो सकता है कुछ सदस्य इसमें इंटरेस्टेड हो । पहले जो जवाब दिया है वह उसी पर स्टैंड करे । दूसरा जो उन्होंने कारेक्ट किया है उन्होंने कारेक्ट किया है कि अंडर कंसिडरेशन है । लेकिन मैं एक दूसरी बात जिसकी ओर मैं मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं वह यह है कि पहले जो जमीन वहां उपलब्ध

है उसमें सबसे बडा भाग सरकार की अपनी जमीन का है जिसमें ज्यादा दाम नहीं देने पड़ेंगे। दूसरी बात यह है कि ...

श्री सभापति : वह सभी चीजें देखेंगे। बड़ी मुश्किल पड़ जाएगी। मैंने मध्य प्रदेश वालों को रोक दिया बोलने से वरना वह भी कहते ...

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : वहां नजदीक में बोकारो का कारखाना है जिसमें कम दाम में उनको लोहा मिल जाएगा और नजदीक में इंडियन एक्सप्लोसिव है जहां से एक्स-लोसिव मिल जाएगा और नजदीक में हल्दिया है।

इसलिए मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इन तथ्यों को देखते हुए कि 15 वर्ष तक बिहार को अति जो कारखाना देने में केंद्र की तरफ से उपेक्षा की गई है और उस वजह से बिहार में यह भावना जेनरेट हो रही है कि जब हल्ला-गुल्ला किया जाता है और हथियार उठाये जाते हैं तब ही कारखाना मिलता है इसको टालने के लिए क्या आप सहानुभूतिपूर्वक इस मामले पर और बिहार के मामले पर विचार करेंगे ?

श्री सभापति : सब पर सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार करेंगे।

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Sir, I appreciate the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Of other Members also.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: As I said earlier, there are criteria, as Mr. Mishra has said, as to how much land is needed, then electricity is needed, water is needed. The land needed is approximately 7500 acres. (*Interruptions*). All those things will be taken into consideration. We consider the cases of all the States alike on merit.

Non-availability of Anti-Rabie Vaccine HDC-V in Saidarjung Hospital

*362. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the non-availability of anti-Rabies vaccine HDC-V led to the death of a patient in the Safdarjung Hospital in January, 1989; and

(b) if so, what is the position pertaining to the availability of HDC-V in the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The patient Mr. Bachan Singh from Uttar Pradesh had received the full course of anti-rabies vaccine after the dog bite, before being admitted to Safdarjung Hospital. There was, therefore, no need for further vaccination.

40 million ml. of nervous tissue anti-rabies vaccine is being produced in 12 Public Sector Institutes and supplied to all the States. Two varieties of tissue culture anti-rabies vaccine are also being imported to supplement domestic production *i.e.* HDC-V (Human Diploid Cell Strain Vaccine) imported from the Institute of Merieux, Lyon, France and PCEC Vaccine (Purified Chick Embryo Cell Vaccine) marketed by Hoechst India Ltd., under the name RABIPUR. M/S. Serum Institute, Poona the sole selling agent of Institute, Merieux, Lyon, France are supplying the vaccine HDC-V manufactured at the French Institute.